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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR00/00678	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 March, 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 March, 1999		
TITLE OF INVENTION VEHICLE PARKING LOT MANAGEMENT METHOD				
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please insert the word --LOT-- on page 1, line 8, between the words "PARKING" and "MANAGEMENT", in the title of the invention.

Please insert the Sub-heading --FIELD OF INVENTION-- on page 1, between lines 8 and 9.

Please insert the Sub-heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-- on page 1, between lines 15 and 16.

Please insert the Sub-heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- on page 1, between lines 30 and 31.

Please insert the Sub-heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- on page 4, between lines 29 and 30.

Please insert the Sub-heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION-- on page 5, between lines 10 and 11.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add page 13a to include the Abstract as stated in the original priority document, PCT/FR00/00678 as follows:

--The invention concerns a method for managing a pay parking lot, using at least a time recorder (10) connected to a parking lot server (2). The invention is characterised in that it operates as follows: a user, provided with a mobile telephone (20) connected to a mobile telephone system (3) transmits to said parking server (20) at least: data concerning the identification of the parking spot of his vehicle, data concerning parking time; the parking lot server (2) transmits to the time recorder (10), at least, said data concerning parking time; the time recorder (10) supplies to means (12, 13, 14) controlling parking authorisation, at least data concerning parking time.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the title and to add sub-headings. The abstract text has been added to reflect the abstract as stated in the priority document. Full examination and favorable action are requested.

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VEHICLE PARKING MANAGEMENT METHOD

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10 The present invention concerns a method of managing the parking of vehicles subject to payment using at least one parking ticket machine connected to a parking server. The invention can be advantageously applied in the field of parking parks equipped with parking ticket machines.

15 The international application WO 96/11453 describes a parking management system subject to payment constructed around a mobile telephone network in which a user by means of his mobile telephone calls a parking server to indicate to said user the selected parking zone and provide an identifier of the vehicle, such as the registration number, and possibly a personal identification code. The parking server records the data of the call and the time of the start of parking. When the user leaves the parking site, he again calls the parking server to inform the latter he has left. Having regard to the period of parking and the current charges in the parking zone, the server is able to calculate the fee to be paid by the user and draws up an invoice, either directly or by means of the mobile telephone operator.

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30 In this known system, monitoring is carried out by monitoring agents equipped with portable devices enabling

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them to consult the parking server via a telephone link so as to know if the parked vehicles, identified in particular by their registration number, have been duly recorded with the server.

5 Although it offers a certain number of advantages, the parking management system subject to payment described above in relation to the prior art does nevertheless has certain drawbacks.

10 For the user of the system, it is necessary to make and thus pay two telephone calls to the server which may be extremely expensive compared with the average parking fee. For the parking operator, it is necessary to provide the monitoring agents with special equipment whose operating cost is considerable since it requires a call be made to the 15 parking server. Furthermore, this monitoring is a long procedure as it is necessary for each vehicle to type its identifier, registration number or identification number inscribed on a label placed visibly on the vehicle.

20 Secondly, this known parking management system subject to payment is not compatible with existing payment systems, such as parks equipped with machines issuing a parking ticket to be placed behind the windscreen of the vehicle or providing a list of place numbers or the 25 registration numbers of the parked vehicles entered on the ticket machines by users. This results in either a loss of information or the need to use more complex software if it is desired to draw up financial reports or statistics for the entire system.

30 Finally, if a user forgets to inform the server he had finished parking and left the zone, the parking time continues to be debited which inevitably shall result in invoices being queried.

Also the technical problem to be resolved by the object of the present invention is to provide a vehicle parking management system subject to payment using at least one ticket machine connected to a parking server, a method which would make it possible apply mobile telephone means to the field of paying parking but without having the drawbacks mentioned earlier.

According to the present invention, the solution of the technical problem put forward consists in that :

• a user equipped with a mobile telephone and subscribed to a mobile telephone network transmits to said parking server at least :

• information concerning identification of the site where his vehicle is parked,

• information concerning the parking time,

• the parking server transmits to the ticket machine at least said information concerning the parking time,

• the ticket machine sends parking authorisation control means at least the information concerning the parking time,

• the parking fee to be paid is calculated on the basis of information concerning identification of the parking site and information concerning the parking time so as to bill the user.

Thus, it can be understood that in the method of the invention, the ticket machine holds parking time information required for control and that because of this said parking authorisation monitoring means could be simpler and less expensive than a telephone link with the parking server.

According to a first embodiment of the invention, said parking authorisation control means are constituted by a

parking ticket printed by the parking time machine to be placed inside the vehicle and bearing information concerning the parking time. This instance is a conventional example of a ticket machine issuing a parking ticket.

5 In a second embodiment of the invention, said parking
authorisation control means are constituted by a list
provided by the ticket machine or by a portable control
device able to receive information derived from the ticket
machine. In this latter case, the portable control device
receives information from the ticket machine either by an
infra-red link or by a short distance radio link. There is
no cost for these links and there are no additional
communication charges.

15 In a particular embodiment of the method of the invention, the information concerning the parking time is constituted by a parking period defined by the user. This embodiment has the advantage in that it only requires the user to make a single call to the parking server, thus reducing costs with respect to the system described in the
20 international application WO 96/11453.

Finally, it shall be observed that the method of the invention appears as a new payment element on a ticket machine and because of this is compatible from an accounting and statistical point of view with already existing parks equipped with ticket machines.

The following description with reference to the accompanying drawings, given by way of non-restrictive examples, shall clearly explain what the invention consists of and on how it can be embodied.

30 Figure 1 is a diagram of a first embodiment of the
method of the invention.

Figure 2 is a diagram of a second embodiment of the

method of the invention.

Figure 3 is a diagram of a third embodiment of the method of the invention.

Figure 4 is a diagram of an embodiment variant of the 5 implementation of figure 3.

The diagram of figure 1 shows a vehicle parking method subject to payment using at least one ticket machine 10. This ticket machine 10 forms part of a parking system managed by a server 2 and connected to the latter via a 10 mobile telephone network 3.

According to the parking method subject to payment shown on figure 1, a user equipped with a mobile telephone 20 and subscribed to the network 3 stands in front of the ticket machine 10 and dials a message M1 on his telephone 20, 15 said message including information concerning identification of the parking site of the vehicle, in this instance the number "7" of the ticket machine 10, and information concerning the parking time, here the period of 120 minutes for example. Then the user presses on a key 11 of the ticket machine corresponding to the function "Payment 20 by telephone". The ticket machine 10 then goes on receiving stand by and the user sends the message M1 to the parking server 2. After receiving the message M1, the server 2 sends the ticket machine 10, identified by the server 2 from the 25 number ("7") contained in the message M1 a message M2 including the information received concerning the parking time, namely the period of 120 minutes and time (10:22) of the start of parking. The ticket machine 10 can then print a ticket 11 automatically from the parking authorisation 30 control device. The ticket 11 indicating the period and start time of parking is placed visibly inside the vehicle so as to enable it to be visually monitored by the

monitoring agents.

The parking fee is calculated from information concerning the place of parking, said information determining the fee to be applied and the period of parking.

5 The user is debited with this sum directly from an account with the operator of the mobile telephone network 3 or from the parking server 2.

Other means of payment are possible, such as the debiting of a prepaid account with the operator of the parking server 2. So as to recharge his account, the user buys a 100 franc parking fee scratchable prepaid card for example, calls the server with his mobile telephone and types the number inscribed on the scratchable card, his prepaid account then being credited with 100 francs. When he 10 wants to park, the user calls the parking server, his account is then recognised by the SIM card and the balance 15 is displayed on the screen so as to inform the user of the amount of the parking fees he has available.

It is also possible to use a twin-slot mobile telephone 20 for inserting a SIM card and a card reader for receiving a banking or smart card so as to carry out transactions by means of the mobile telephone 20. In this context, so as to pay the parking price, the user puts his banking or smart card into the reader of his mobile telephone and proceeds with payment in protected liaison 25 with the server 2 which records the transaction, debits the card and settles the transaction with the relevant banking bodies.

In the implementation of the method of the invention 30 shown on figure 2, the user, when he arrives at the parking site, calls the server 2 with his mobile telephone 20 and sends it a message M1 which in the case a) contains, as in

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the example of figure 1, firstly information concerning the parking site which may be the number ("7") of the closest ticket machine 10 or a zone number, if necessary, with the name of the town, and secondly information concerning the parking time, here the period of 120 minutes. The server 2 receives the message M1 and, with the aid of an internal data base enabling the subscriber number of the user to be connected to the mobile telephone network, such as the SIM card number for a GSM network for example, draws up information of the identification of the parked vehicle, namely the registration number ("47LPX75") or a number entered on a label affixed on the vehicle. This identification information of the parked vehicle are sent by the server 2 to at least one ticket machine 10 in a message M2 which also contains information concerning the parking time, that is the period of 120 minutes for example, and the time (10:22) of the start of parking.

Monitoring is carried out as follows. When asked by a monitoring agent, the ticket machine 10 provides a parking authorisation control list (13) indicating the identification information of the parked vehicle, the registration or identification number, and information concerning the parking time, period and time of the start of parking. So as to update the information present in the ticket machine, an updating can be made periodically by the server 2 or when the monitoring agent asks the ticket machine 10 to provide him with a list 13. Billing of the user is carried out as in the implementation shown on figure 1.

Figure 2 shows at b) another embodiment example according to which the user sends a first telephone message M1 providing the server 2 with information concerning

identification of the site of parking and the time (10:22) of the start of parking.

5 The server 2 then sends in a first message M2 to at least one ticket machine 10 the time of the start of parking, as well as the identification information of the vehicle, here the registration number, obtained from identification of the mobile telephone 20. At the time of a control, the list 13 provided by the ticket machine 10 to a monitoring agent shall state that the vehicle with the 10 registration number "47LPX75" is authorised to park from 10:22.

15 When the user decides to leave his parking place, he sends a second telephone message M1 providing the server 2 with information concerning identification of the parking place and the end of parking time (11:52). The server 2 then transmits in a second message M2 to at least one ticket machine 10 the end of parking time, as well as information of identification of the vehicle. During a control, the list 13 shall no longer show the registration number "47LPX75" 20 from the time of the end of parking, thus indicating that the vehicle is no longer in an authorised parking situation.

25 The price to be paid by the user is calculated on the basis of the current tariff deduced from information concerning the place of parking and the period of parking obtained by the difference between the end and start times of parking.

30 It shall be observed that in this implementation, the user pays for the real period of parking whereas in the case of figure 1 and the case a) of figure 2, parking is prepaid for a given fixed period. On the other hand, the user needs to make two telephone calls instead of one in the preceding cases.

The embodiment examples a) and b) of figure 3 differ from the corresponding examples of figure 2 in that the user himself dials on his mobile telephone 20 the identification information of the parked vehicle, here the registration number, which is then transmitted from the server 2 to the ticket machine 10.

The two preceding options are possible, namely prepayment of a fixed parking period or parking in real time.

In the implementation examples a) and b) of figure 4, the messages M1 sent by the user to the server 2 indicate a characteristic number 14 ("103") of the parking location of the vehicle which is used as both identification information of the parked vehicle and information concerning identification of the parking site for the purposes of calculating the fee. The number 14 ("103") is transmitted to the ticket machine 10, as well as information concerning the parking time : period ("120") or parking start (10:22) or end (11:52) time. By consulting the list 13 supplied by the ticket machine 10, a monitoring agent could check that a vehicle parked on said location "103" is authorised to park there or not.

Here again the prepayment or real time options are possible, as well as parking payment for several vehicles at the same time since the vehicles are identified by the parking location number.

The parking method subject to payment of the invention has been described with reference to figures 2, 3 and 4 by implementing a list 13 as parking authorisation control means. It is clearly evident that other means could be used, such as a portable device able to receive information from the ticket machine 10 via an infra-red or short-distance

radio link, as already indicated earlier.

It is also provided that the parking server 2 sends the mobile telephone 20 an electronic certificate calculated at least on the basis of information relating to the user, such as his subscriber number or that of his SIM card, information concerning identification of the site of parking and information concerning the parking time. This certificate is stored in the memory of the telephone or in that of the SIM card. If the memory so allows, several certificates (10 for example) can be stored in a rotating file.

This certificate serves as proof for the user that the latter can prove payment should he be asked to pay a fine or is confronted with another difficulty. He can then call the operator of the parking system with his mobile telephone and have his payment validated by means of the certificate stored in the memory of his telephone. This certificate also contains details of time of the end of authorised parking.

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CLAIMS

1. Method for managing parking of vehicles subject to payment, using a parking ticket machine (10) connected to a parking server (2), characterised in that :

- a user, equipped with a mobile telephone (20) with a subscription to a mobile telephone network (3), sends said parking server (2) at least :

* information concerning identification of the location of his motor vehicle parking space,

* information concerning the parking time,

- the parking server (2) sends the ticket machine (10) at least said information concerning the parking time,

- the parking ticket machine (10) supplies the parking authorisation control elements (12, 13, 14) with at least the information concerning the parking time,

- the fee for parking is calculated from the information concerning the parking location identification and information concerning the parking time so as to bill the subscriber.

2. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that the information concerning the parking time is constituted by a parking period of time defined by the user.

3. Method according to one of claims 1 or 2, characterised in that said parking authorisation control elements are constituted by a parking ticket (11) printed by the parking ticket machine (10) to be placed inside the

motor vehicle and bearing information concerning the parking time.

4. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that said parking server (2) also sends the parking ticket machine (10) the identification information of the parked vehicle and in that the parking ticket machine (10) also supplies said parking authorisation control elements with said identification information of the parked vehicle.

5. Method according to claim 4, characterised in that said identification information of the parked vehicle are supplied by the parking server (2) on the basis of identification of the mobile telephone (20).

6. Method according to claim 5, characterised in that the identification information of the parked vehicle are the registration number of the vehicle or an identification number affixed to the vehicle.

7. Method according to claim 4, characterised in that said identification of the parked vehicle are sent by the user to the parking server (2) by means of his mobile telephone (20).

8. Method according to claim 7, characterised in that the identification information of the parked vehicle is the registration number of the vehicle or the number characteristic of the parking space of the vehicle.

9. Method according to one of claims 4 to 8, characterised in that the information concerning the parking time is constituted by the parking period of time the user wishes to use.

10. Method according to one of claims 4 to 8, characterised in that the information concerning the parking time is constituted by the start of parking time and the end of parking time respectively sent to the parking server (2)

on arrival at and departure from of the parking location of the vehicle.

11. Method according to claim 9 to 10, characterised in that said parking authorisation elements are constituted by a list (13) supplied by the parking ticket machine (10) or by a portable control device able to receive information originating from the parking ticket machine (10).

12. Method according to one of claims 1 to 11, characterised in that the information concerning identification of the parking location of the vehicle is constituted by a number characteristic of the parking ticket machine (10) or a number (14) characteristic of the pricing zone of the parking location.

13. Method according to one of claims 1 to 12, characterised in that the parking server (2) sends the mobile telephone (20) an electronic certificate (20) calculated at least from information relating to the user, information concerning the parking location of the vehicle and information concerning the parking time.

14. Method according to one of claims 1 to 13, characterised in that the parking fee is debited from an account with the operator of the mobile telephone network (3) or the parking server (2).

15. Method according to one of claim 1 to 13, characterised in that the parking fee is debited from a prepaid account with the operator of the parking server (2).

16. Method according to claim 15, characterised in that said prepaid account is rechargeable by means of a prepaid scratchable ticket.

17. Method according to one of claims 1 to 13, characterised in that the parking fee is debited from a

smart card or bank card introduced into the mobile telephone (20).

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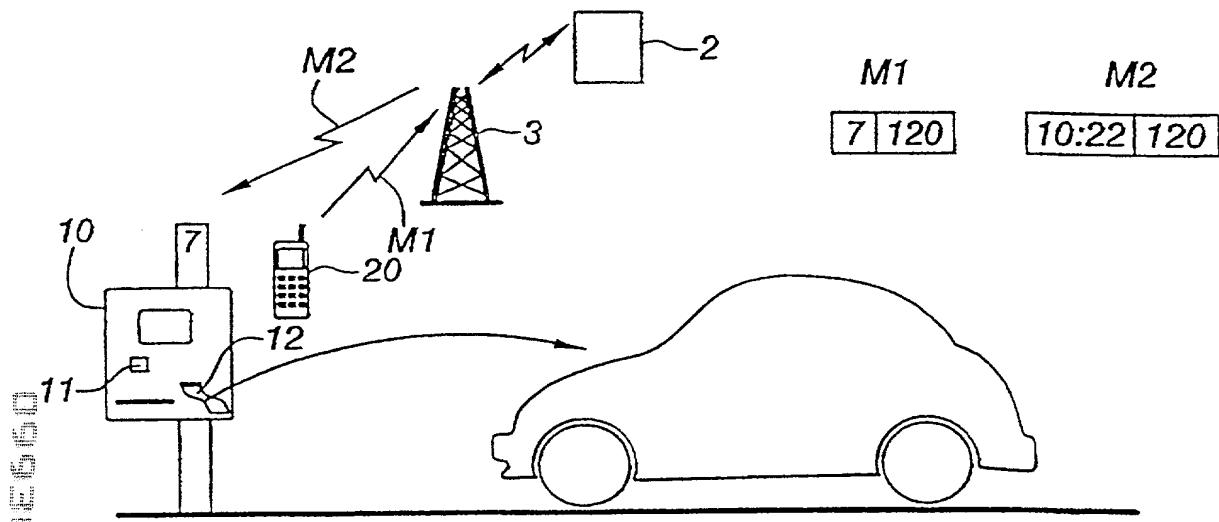


FIG. 1

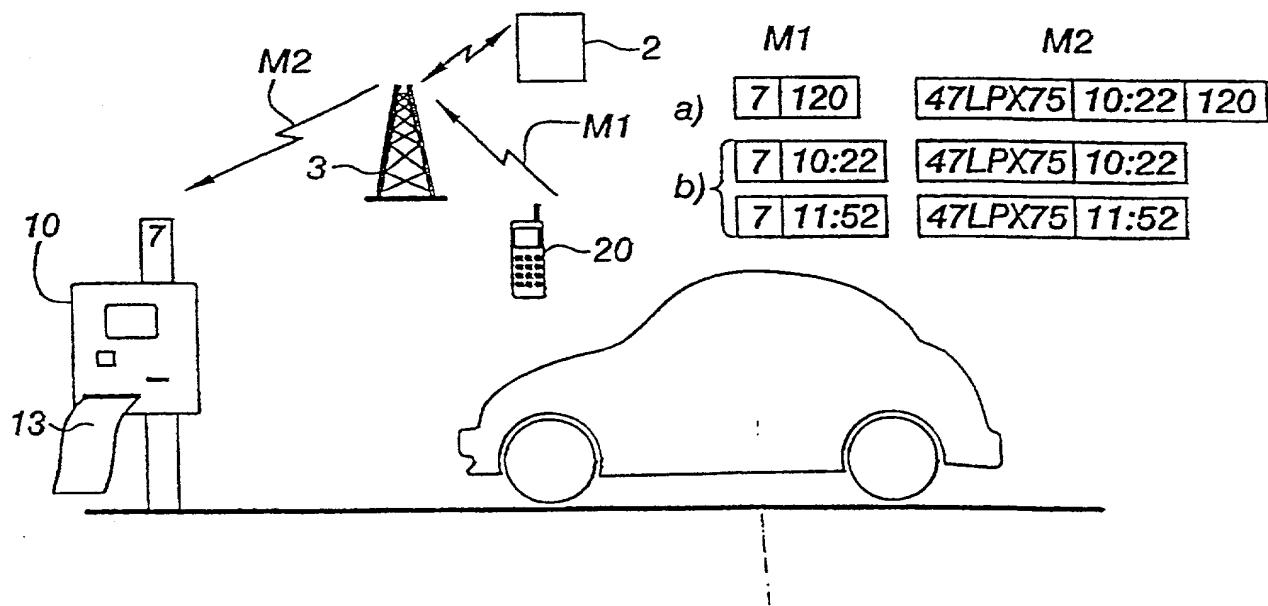


FIG. 2

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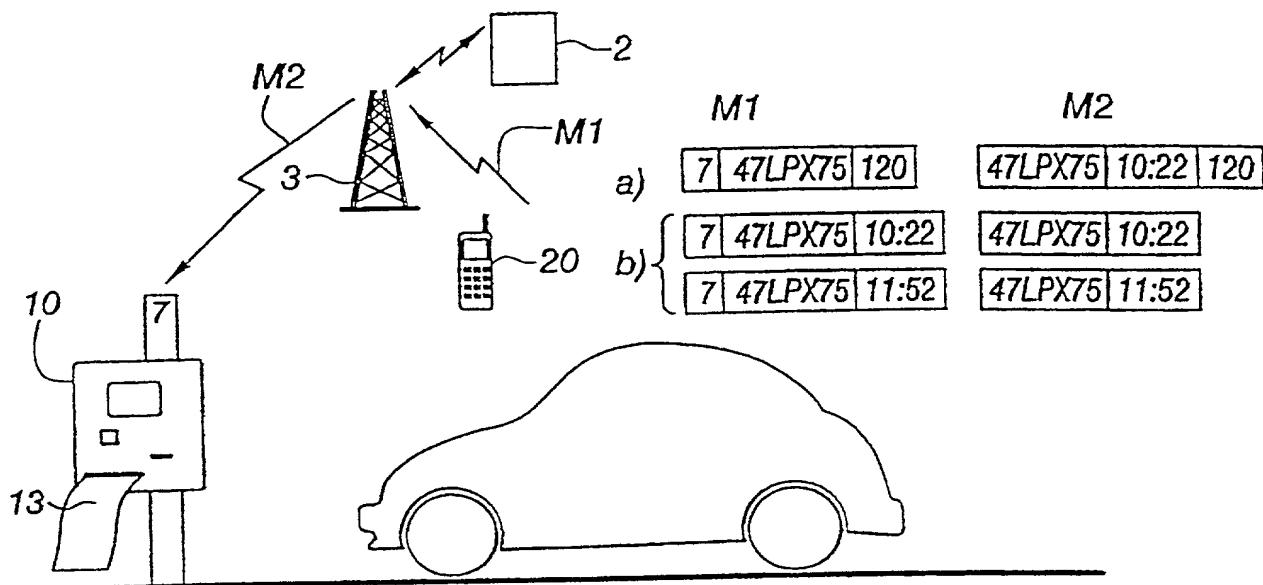


FIG. 3

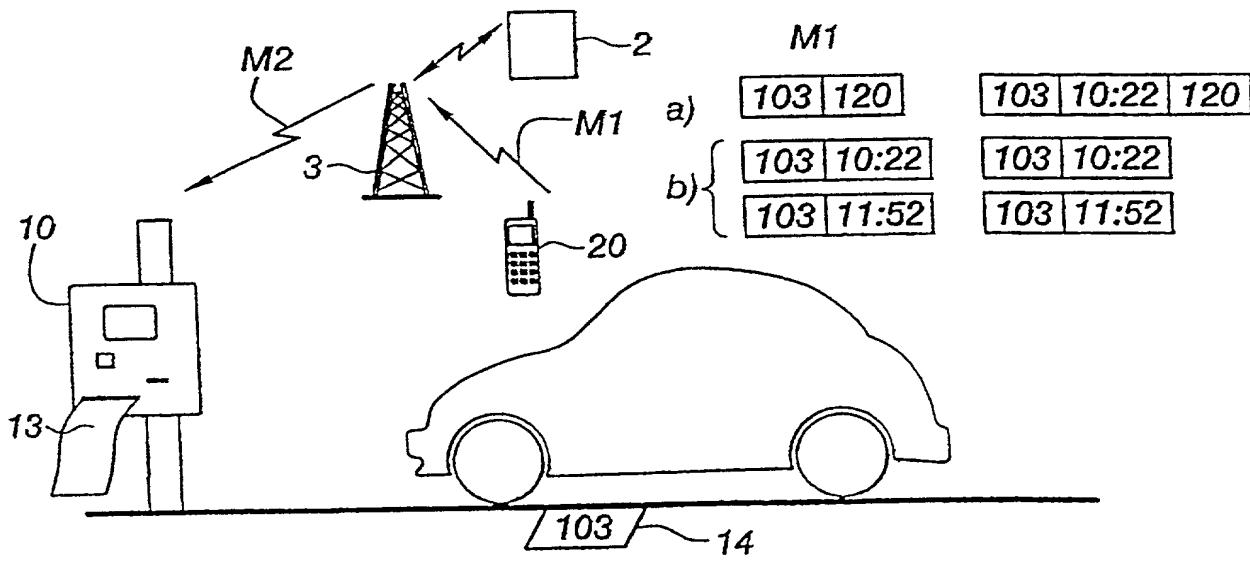


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VEHICLE PARKING LOT MANAGEMENT METHOD

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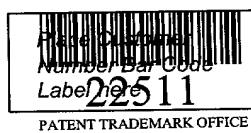
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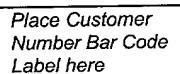
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